



# The Chippendale Society

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## EDITORIAL

At the A.G.M. Mr Andrew Firth resigned as Chairman of the Society and Mrs Mary Gilbert succeeded him in that appointment. I am sure all members would wish to thank Andrew for his long and very dedicated service to the Society. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you. At the same time we welcome Mary as Chairman and wish her success in her new role. Mary's position as Librarian has been filled by Mr Frank Shuttleworth. Welcome, Frank, to your new post, and thank you for taking it on. Our good wishes to you.

Although your Newsletter Editor has not changed, her name has. It is now Mrs B Birchall of 33 Station Road, Upper Poppleton, York, YO2 6PX.

## AUTUMN EVENT - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY ANTIQUES MASTERMIND & ROADSHOW

OTLEY CIVIC CENTRE - 4 NOVEMBER 1987 - 7.30 for 8.00 pm

You and your friends are invited to another glittering Chippendale Society entertainment full details of which are given on the enclosed sheet. Similar events have proved highly popular in the past, but this time there will be the added excitement of a MASTERMIND competition based on the well-known T.V. programme. Contestants will be questioned for two minutes on their chosen branch of Antiques followed by two minutes on general knowledge. The winner will be presented with a commemorative goblet.

Tickets £1 at the door. Plus stalls, side shows, a bar, etc.

## MORE CHIPPENDALE FURNITURE SOLD FROM HAREWOOD HOUSE

It will be recalled that in April 1986 Lord Harewood sold at Christie's 14 lots of furniture including several pairs of spectacular carved and gilt or silvered looking glasses. Following the sale the Society purchased from an American dealer an exotic oval panel of hand painted Oriental wallpaper in a timber and papier mache frame. On 25 June 1987 a further group of five richly styled mirrors and a pair of curved sofa stools made by Chippendale for Harewood House appeared at Christie's. It is sad to witness the dispersal of this pre-eminent collection of Chippendale furniture. A marquetry horseshoe-shaped table from Burton Constable near Hull also featured in the sale - but this failed to reach its reserve and was bought in at £85,000.

## RESTORATION GRANTS

The oval collage of hand painted oriental paper has now been expertly cleaned and conserved. The papier mache and wood frame surrounding the panel is currently being restored by Wiggins & Son of London who are making moulds to recast the gadrooned border decoration in papier mache. A missing cresting ornament will be recarved incorporating a fronded anthemion from a dismantled frame in store at Harewood. We are grateful to his Lordship for the gift of this element. The programme of restoration has been fully funded by an anonymous gift of £2,500 from one of our members.

The second restoration project concerns refinishing a tripod firescreen stand acquired in 1982 in its original blue and gold livery. This will be undertaken by Peter and Anne McTaggart at a cost of about £4,000. We have been exceedingly fortunate in attracting four grants to cover the cost of this work. The Sam Chippendale Foundation have contributed £1,000, the Pilgrim Trust gave £1,500, the Sir George Martin Trust donated £750 and Leeds City Council have subscribed £750. We are infinitely grateful to these organisations for their magnificent support which will enable us to commission a first rate job without any skimping - as befits a Society who are custodians of these masterpieces of English furniture.

## CHIPPENDALE TAPESTRY

We hope that in the near future the famous Readicut Wool Company will produce a reproduction tapestry in kit form of the Society's tapestry panel to enable those interested in needlework to embroider a version of this historic tapestry for themselves. More details will be given if and when they become available.

## THE CHIPPENDALE DINNER

120 guests were greeted by the Society's President, Lady Elsie Stoddart-Scott, and newly elected Chairman Mrs Mary Gilbert. The principle guest, Mrs Robin Compton, outlined the history and renovation work undertaken at Newby Hall. Mr Andrew Firth, who had recently retired as Chairman of the Society, was presented with a magnificent lectern. Mr Firth was thanked for his hard work and devotion to the Society and the Chairman presented him with a small gift on behalf of the Society.



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## A U T U M N   E V E N T

You and your friends are invited to :

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### ANTIQUES MASTERMIND AND ROAD SHOW

Experts in various antique specialities will  
compete against each other to find the  
Otley Antiques Mastermind

Afterwards experts will be pleased to discuss and identify  
any interesting antiques that members of the audience bring along.

There will be a Bring and Buy Stall, a Tombola, Book Stall and side shows  
also a bar for refreshments.

This glittering event will take place at the  
CIVIC CENTRE, OTLEY

on Wednesday, 4th November, 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.

Admission £1 payable at the door

DONATIONS of gifts for the various stalls would be most welcome  
and may be left at the: Building Society Chambers,

Wesley St;

Otley. OR bring them on the evening.

Thank you